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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 6, 2010**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2010, and having a shortened statutory period for reply which expired on April 6, 2010. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.